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Kurenatkin Claims Victory

DOESN'T SAVE TIELING

Russian Position Threatened by Other Army Divisions.

Dead Were Left on the Field When
Frontal Attack Was Repulsed—Tokio
Hears That Northern Army Is With-
in Striking Distance of Tie Pass—Russia
Wounded Being Sent Further Ho-

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.
ST. PETERSBURG, March 15.—Gen. Kur
patkin reports that the Japanese to-day at
tacked the central Russian position on the
Fan River, which is ten miles south of Tj
ling, and were repulsed, leaving 1,000 dea
on the field.
Prince Khilkoff, Minister of Railways
announces that he has received telegram

from Gen. Kuropatkin, dated March 11, 1918, in reference to the army transport requirements, they being, as always, couched in calm, businesslike language. Prince Khudkov adds that his department is still energetically engaged, as for a year past, in supplying the army. All its plans are now concerned with the despatch of fresh troops and munitions over the Trans-Siberian

Recently eighteen instead of twenty-four trains daily have been despatched. This is to be attributed more to the fact that the snow is delaying transportation than to trouble with the employees of the railway. These troubles were less serious than those in European Russia, because immediate concessions

Prince Khilkoff believes that Gen. Kurapatkin can withdraw his army as an organized force. He instances the fact that the commander-in-chief removed 46,000

Despite the Minister's statements, it is the opinion among those best informed as to the situation in Manchuria that the

Russians are unable to make a successful retreat to Harbin, and that it will be the most difficult task to mobilize a new army.

The grain stored throughout the winter alongside the southern and central Russian railway lines is sprouting since the trains are and now useless. This fact is assisting the rapid spread of the peasant rising and

the destruction of Government property. The fact that the railway cars were monopolized by the Trans-Siberian line prevented the Government from moving the grain from great wheat areas to market.

WITHIN STRIKING DISTANCE OF THE PASS

TOKIO, March 15.—Evening.—The correspondent of THE SUN learns on good authority that the Japanese advance guard

is in the immediate vicinity of Tielin, and that a detachment of the northern arm is within striking distance of the Russian position.

The *Japan Mail*, summarizing General Kuropatkin's dilemma, says that if he makes

in addition to caring for the 150,000 men who are still fit for active service, and all this with the Japanese within six miles of

The *Nichi Nichi Shimbun* prints an un-

The American steamer Tacoma, with contraband for Vladivostok, which was icebound for two weeks off Hokkaido, was

PARIS HEARS RETREAT WILL BE TO HARBIN.

PARIS, March 15.—Despatches from St. Petersburg to Paris newspapers say that Gen. Kuropatkin has only 100,000 troops organized and able to take the field. He does not believe it will be possible to remain

The magnifico brigade of Caucasian Cossacks, who bore the brunt of the fighting on Friday and Saturday, were practically annihilated. Only two of the officers survive. All belonged to the St. Petersburg

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